

Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary

Application No.

09/945,121

Applicant(s)

SHIRLEY ET AL.

Examiner

Terrence R. Till

Art Unit

1744

All Participants:(1) Terrence R. Till.(2) T. Clise.**Status of Application:** _____

(3) _____.

(4) _____.

Date of Interview: 24 December 2003**Time:** _____**Type of Interview:**☒ Telephonic☐ Video Conference☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)**Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated:** ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, provide a brief description:

Part I.

Rejection(s) discussed:

Claims discussed:

27-31

Prior art documents discussed:

*Nishimura et al. (6,286,525-cited in previous action)***Part II.**

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:

*See Continuation Sheet***Part III.**

- ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.
- ☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.

(Examiner/SPE Signature)

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: Applicant's representative was called to inform him that almost all claims pending would be allowed. The examiner believed that claims 27-31 could be rejected over the prior art. Applicant's representative proposed changes to claims 27-31 that defined over the prior art. These changes were sent via e-mail. The examiner copied these claims into an examiner's amendment in order to allow the application..